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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing television program listings comprising:

storing available program listings in one or more databases, the program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

 ~~[utilizing a first filter to select]~~ selecting a first subset of the plurality of program/event entries~~[, wherein the first filter comprises]~~ using a first filter comprising a predetermined list of program/event entries that are compared against the program listings to select the first subset;

generating an electronic program guide including the first subset of program/event entries; and

displaying the generated electronic program guide on a display.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

~~[utilizing a second filter to select]~~ selecting a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a second filter;

~~[utilizing the first filter and the second filter to generate]~~ generating the electronic program guide using the

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first filter and the second filter, the electronic program guide including [all of the] program/event entries included in said first subset and [all of the] program/event entries included in said second subset.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

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~~[utilizing said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries of the second subset, to generate]~~ selecting a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a second filter, wherein at least some of the program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries of the second set; and

generating the electronic program guide displaying television program listings using said first and second subsets, said television program listings including program/event entries included in both said first subset and said second subset.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

prior to selecting the subset of the plurality of program/event entries, creating the first filter utilizing [a] the predetermined list of program/event entries in the program listing database.

5. (Previously Cancelled)

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6. (Previously Cancelled)

7. (Previously Cancelled)

8. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein a consumer device stores the television program listings and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

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9. (Currently Amended) A system for managing television program listings comprising:

a memory for storing a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries, the memory further configured for storing a first filter and a second filter,

the first filter comprising a first predetermined list of program/event entries, and

the second filter comprising a second predetermined list of program/event entries; and

a processor which selects a first subset of programs according to the first filter and a second subset of programs according to the second filter, respectively, by comparing the first predetermined list of program/event entries and the second predetermined list of program/event entries against the available television program listings, to generate an electronic program guide displaying television program listings included in said first subset and said second subset,

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wherein at least some of the programs in the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, and at least some of the programs in the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter to generate the electronic program guide displaying television program listings including ~~[all of the]~~ programs included in said first subset and ~~[all of the]~~ programs included in said second subset.

11. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to utilize said first filter and said second filter, wherein at least some of the programs of the first filter are the same as at least some of the programs of the second filter, and to generate an electronic program guide displaying television program listings including programs included in both said first subset and said second subset.

12. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the processor is further configured to create the first filter utilizing a list of program/event entries in the database prior to selecting the first subset of programs according to the first filter.

13. (Previously Cancelled)

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14. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein a set of program/event entries corresponding to the first and second lists intersects a set of program/event entries corresponding to the database of available television program listings.

15. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 14 wherein the set of program/event entries corresponding to the first and second lists is a proper subset of the set of the program/event entries corresponding to the database of available television program listings.

16. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein a consumer device stores the television program listings and the first filter is input into the consumer device from a source external to the consumer device.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for managing television program listings comprising the steps of:

storing a database of available television program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

displaying a user configuration screen having a plurality of program/event sources, a first program filter comprising a first predetermined list of program/event entries and a second program filter comprising a second predetermined list of program/event entries;

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selecting at least one of the plurality of program/event sources, the first program filter and the second program filter from the user configuration screen;

filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources utilizing the first program filter to produce a first subset of programs by comparing the first predetermined list of program/event entries against the programs in the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources;

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filtering programs of the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources utilizing the second program filter to produce a second subset of programs by comparing the second predetermined list of program/event entries against the programs in the at least one of the plurality of program/event sources; and

generating an electronic program guide displaying television program listings included in said first subset and said second subset, wherein at least some of the programs of the first subset are different from the programs of the second subset, and wherein at least some of the programs of the second subset are different from the programs of the first subset.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings including ~~[all of the]~~ programs included in said first subset and ~~[all of the]~~ programs included in said second subset.

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19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17 wherein at least some of the programs in the first and second subsets are the same, wherein the first and second predetermined lists of program/event entries intersect, and wherein the electronic program guide displays television program listings consisting of programs produced in both said first and second subsets.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Cancelled)

23. (Previously Cancelled)

24. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the filters are editable filters.

25. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the filters are editable filters.

26. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the filters are editable filters.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Cancelled)

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29. (Previously Cancelled)

30. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the first and second lists of program/event entries are not provided with the television program listings.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) A method for managing television program listings comprising:

storing available program listings in one or more databases, the program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

receiving a first filter comprising a list of identifications of program/event entries;

selecting a first subset of the plurality of program/event entries using the first filter;

generating an electronic program guide including the first subset of program/event entries; and

displaying the generated electronic program guide on a display.

33. (New) The method according to claim 32, wherein selecting comprises comparing said list of identifications of program/event entries against said plurality of program/event entries.



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34. (New) The method according to claim 32 further comprising:

selecting a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a second filter; and

generating the electronic program guide including the program/event entries included in said first and second subsets.

35. (New) The method according to claim 32 further comprising:

selecting a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a second filter, wherein at least some of the program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries of the second set; and

generating the electronic program guide displaying television program listings using said first and second subsets, said television program listings including program/event entries included in both said first subset and said second subset.

36. (New) A method for managing television program listings comprising:

storing available program listings in one or more databases, the program listings comprising a plurality of program/event entries;

selecting a first subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a first filter comprising a list of identifications of program/event entries, wherein the first filter is not derived from the program listings;

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generating an electronic program guide including the first subset of program/event entries; and

displaying the generated electronic program guide on a display.

37. (New) The method according to claim 36, wherein selecting comprises comparing said list of identifications of program/event entries against said plurality of program/event entries.

38. (New) The method according to claim 36 further comprising:

selecting a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a second filter; and

generating the electronic program guide including the program/event entries included in said first and second subsets.

39. (New) The method according to claim 36 further comprising:

selecting a second subset of the plurality of program/event entries using a second filter, wherein at least some of the program/event entries of the first subset are the same as at least some of the program/event entries of the second set; and

generating the electronic program guide displaying television program listings using said first and second subsets, said television program listings including program/event entries included in both said first subset and said second subset.